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SUBJ: TRANSIT OF CUBAN SHIP "PLAYA LARGA"

THRU PANAMA CANAL

1. FONMIN ADM. HUERTA INFORMED ME TODAY THAT CUBAN FREIGHTER PLAYA LARGA PLANS TO TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL MORNING SEPT 25. THIS SHIP DEPARTED VALPARAISO SEPT 11, DAY OF MILITARY COUP, UNDER MURKY LEGAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND FIGURED PRIMINENTLY IN RECENT CUBAN COMPLAINT TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. HUERTA STATED THAT, ACCORDING TO CHILEAN INTERPRETATION, FACT SHIP DEPARTED CHILEAN WATERS WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION PROHIBITS IT FROM TRANSITING CANAL, I.E. SHIP'S DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN ORDER. CHILEAN LAWYER ALFONSO ANSIETA PLANS TO ARRIVE CANAL ZONE SHORTLY AFTER MIDDAY SEPT 25 TO PRESENT LEGAL DOCUMENTS REQUESTING ATTACHMENT OF "PLAYA LARGA," PRESUMABLY ON GROUNDS THAT ITS CARGO OF SUGAR HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY GOC AND IS CHILEAN PROPERTY.

3. DUE TO POSSIBILITY SHIP MAY ATTEMPT TO TRANSIT PRIOR TO  
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ANSIETA'S ARRIVAL, HUERTA REQUESTED US AUTHORITIES TO EXAMINE

SHIP'S DOCUMENTS CLOSELY IN HOPES OF DELAYING TRANSIT FOR ENOUGH  
TIME TO ALLOW ANSIETA TO FILE HIS CLAIM.

4. I NOTED THE US HAD CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS TO USER STATES IN CONNEC-  
TION WITH THE CANAL, AND I DID NOT KNOW HOW MUCH LEEWAY WE MIGHT  
HAVE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS CASE. I PROMISED TO RELAY  
REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY.

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